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22 January. At about 1000, 4 elements of two Yak-11s practiced formation flying and attacks at altitudes between 800 and 1,000 meters. The aircraft of a formation took off in rapid succession. Between 1130 and 1145, 8 Yak-11s landed at short intervals. All aircraft taxied via the southern taxiway to the southwestern hangar in front of which 5 other single-engine monoplanes were seen. At 1220, one Li-2 took off and disappeared toward the southwest.

Early February. Air activity during day and night was observed from a distance.

7 February. No air activity was observed. ¹

2. On 29 December, a column of 100 to 120 soldiers with 2 light machine guns were seen marching across the landing field toward the billets in the eastern section of the field north of the Cottbus-Guben railroad line. There was personnel traffic including officers and EM between the airfield and the quartering area south of the railroad line. Four of the quartering buildings in that area had been completed but were not yet occupied. ²

3. At 0920 on 22 January, a column of 11 trucks with tarpaulins and 2 sedans proceeded from the airfield in the direction of Tauer.

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